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INSERTION TORQUE TOLERANCE AND
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed May 12, 2003, please make the
following amendments in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of
this Amendment.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this Amendment.